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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

ATTENTION : [redacted] 25X1A

SUBJECT : Preliminary Comment on the 22 July 1962 Situation Summary of Developments in North Vietnam

1. Only fragmentary detail is provided by subject Situmm.

2. The most significant development reported is the construction of a new airfield at Phuc Yen which is located about 20 miles north/northwest of Hanoi. This airfield was not in evidence in [redacted] and is apparently in the very early stages of construction. There are indications that the runway when completed may be up to 10,000 feet long. This would be the largest airfield in North Vietnam. Currently, Haiphong's Cat Bi airfield with a 7,900 foot runway is the largest field in North Vietnam and is the one currently used for jet transports arriving from the USSR. The construction of a modern 10,000 foot airfield only a few miles from North Vietnam's capital--apart from any military use it could support--would provide Hanoi with an airfield capable of handling international jet commercial and military aircraft from other Bloc countries.

3. Information on railroads and roads was too incomplete to permit an evaluation of activity.

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